

Comic Book Is Aimed at GI Addicts

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The Pentagon, groping desperately for a gimmick to turn GIs off drugs, has distributed at least 150,000 copies of a gaudy propaganda comic book so puerile that one admiral even described part of it as "ludicrous."

The fiasco was revealed by Vice Adm. W. P. Mack, until recently a deputy assistant secretary of defense, in a private briefing on the drug problem given a group of military officials earlier this year.

The text of the admiral's comments has now been published in a report stamped "For Official Use Only." It is part of the Pentagon's classified "Survey on Drug Attitudes." We have obtained a copy.

Not only was the comic book, originally made for distribution to children in the Washington, D.C., schools, distributed to young GIs, but it was also ballyhooed as a great idea in the military mouthpiece, The Army Times.

The comic book, entitled "Beware the Booby Trap," includes a lurid picture of a woman "hooked" on heroin who is being tormented by the hairdy tenacles of some giant, spider-like beast.

Another page shows a woman with bugs crawling over her body, supposedly illustrating the dangers of other drugs.

Here is how Adm. Mack describes the book: "Shock-type illustrations, when overplayed, are detrimental to one's credibility with this audience. . . .

"The use of equivocal intimidating statements is ineffective. The statements 'many young people are in mental hospitals because' or 'there is no doubt a person's mind will be destroyed by' LSD both appear. The target audience would summarily dismiss both as establishment 'bull.'"

The comic attempts to make alcohol seem less detrimental than marijuana because alcohol "can cause a person to pass out and remove himself as a social hazard." Mack calls this line of reasoning "ludicrous."

All the News . . .

In a series of editorials of just about a decade ago, The New York Times denounced the Kennedy administration for permitting astronauts to sell their personal stories to various publications. Astronauts are "very much part of the United States government," declared The Times, and should not be permitted "to cash in on their exploits." Such a policy, said The Times, was "unfortunate, and potentially corrupting."

On July 23, this year, The Times threw caution to the wind and signed the entire 45-man astronaut corps to a publishing contract. The three

apollo 15 astronauts and a member of their backup crew will each author a story for syndication by The Times, with 50 per cent of the gross proceeds to be divided up by all the astronauts.

Brewster Witness

Jack Sullivan, the man on whom the government built its bribery case against ex-Sen. Dan Brewster (D-Md), has now been fired "for cause" from his job amid charges of financial irregularities.

In the lengthy affidavit Sullivan gave about Brewster, his former boss, he also made a series of damaging allegations against Sen. Joseph Montoya (D-N.M.), and several Johnson administration officials — which they have denied.

The firing comes only days after Sullivan was told to take an unscheduled vacation pending completion of an audit of the records of the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity, where he has been administrative director since 1969.

While it is not known what the audit revealed, we have learned the details of the allegations which led to his being put on leave.

These charges were made by a group of past and present officers of the fraternity in a July 1 memorandum to the rest of the organization's hierarchy. They are vigorously disputed by Sullivan.

The memo charges he wrote a check for \$1,000 on the fraternity's bank account, supposedly for "postage." Instead, the memo says, "this \$1,000 check appears to have been used as the paid-in capital" of a company owned by Sullivan.

This June, the memo adds, the \$1,000 was paid back to the fraternity.

Sullivan acknowledged writing the \$1,000 check to his company, the Super-Speed Maintenance Corp., but insisted it was in payment for a large envelope-stuffing and mailing job it did for the fraternity.

He acknowledged further that he had selected his company to do the job and that the company had been using the fraternity's office as its home base with the fraternity secretaries handling the billing.

The reason the \$1,000 was returned, Sullivan explained, was that Joseph Owens, the fraternity's master inspector, had examined the books and decided that \$1,000 was too high for the job. Sullivan said he planned to send a new bill for \$450-\$500.

The memo contains other allegations which are either vague or not specifically related to Sullivan. In any case, he denies all wrongdoing and contends that a faction in the fraternity is out to get him for his role in the Brewster case.